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Consolidation of German Press Scrutiny Activities

REF : Memorandum to Assistant Director for Operations through Chief, FBIS from [redacted] through Chief, German Bureau, dated 12 April 1954, subject: Suggestion for the Consolidation of German Press Scrutiny Activities.

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1. The proposal for combining the German press exploitation of Foreign Documents Division with the Press Scrutiny activity of the German Bureau has been approved by the Assistant Director for Operations. As soon as possible the Chief, German Bureau will make necessary administrative and operational arrangements to meet requirements of FDD, and is authorized to fill the four vacant native positions on the Bureau staff for this purpose. The classified material attached hereto as annexes is for the guidance of the chief of the Press Scrutiny section in interpreting requirements for the native staff.

2. The list of 38 East and West German newspaper titles, attached as Annex A, represents the newspapers FDD desires exploited for information on the subject categories defined in Annex B. Changes in the individual titles may be made from time to time as experience dictates.

3. The 13 titles preceded by asterisks in Annex A are not received on a regular basis by FDD. It is requested that items from these sources be forwarded to FDD accompanied by the pertinent newspapers.

4. Items submitted to FDD should conform to the following specifications:

a. Items should be abstracts or summaries double-spaced on 5" X 8" sheets, one item per sheet generally limited to 125 words.

b. The heading of the press item should include the name of the country or countries to which the item refers; headings for items pertaining to international conferences and fairs should show the full official designation of the event.

c. For West German publications, indicate Communist organs by the designation "Com." Pro-Communist (pro-Com), left-wing, independent (ind), anti-Communist (anti-Com), and emigre publications should be so indicated when known.

d. Affix at the end of items "(mia)" or "(fex)" to indicate respectively "more information available" or "full exploitation," whichever is applicable.

e. Examples of the format desired in items submitted to FID are attached as Annex C.

5. Material supplied FID in response to these requirements will be transmitted in double envelopes addressed to the Liaison Officer, FBIS, Washington. The inner wrapper only will be additionally marked "For FID". Both wrappers will carry the return address of the German Bureau.

6. Administrative correspondence relating to the Project will continue to be addressed to Chief, FBIS.

7. In the event that scheduled review of the Press Scrutiny Project in April 1955 should result in a decision to terminate the Project at the end of FY 1955, the alignment of that activity with the FID program will be re-examined at that time.

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Enclosures

cc: Asst. Dir. for Operations ✓
Chief, FID